



Animal Chiropractic
Certification Commission
*of the American Veterinary Chiropractic
Association*

Why AVCA Certification

The Certification Program of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) is developed and operated by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC), an administratively independent certification body of the AVCA.

The ACCC of the AVCA implements and maintains a certification program that promotes quality in animal chiropractic based upon current and valid standards that provide reliable indicators of competence and safety for the protection and benefit of the public in this discipline. The ACCC is responsible for the development, administration and ongoing evaluation of the certification program.

Certification

Certification is a voluntary process by which a non-government entity grants a time-limited recognition and use of a credential to an individual after verifying that he/she has met predetermined and standardized criteria.

Certification is distinct from licensure in that it is voluntary and requires recertification to maintain the credential.

Earning certification from the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association ACCC represents a significant professional achievement. The examinations are designed to evaluate the suitability for practice in the international animal chiropractic environment. AVCA/ACCC Certification makes an important statement about professional competence that is recognized by the profession, the public and some regulatory bodies.

- AVCA/ACCC is the primary national credential for this field in North America
- Certification was developed based upon input and oversight from both professions
- AVCA/ACCC has embarked upon a program of continuous improvement for the certification program
- AVCA/ACCC is the only professional certification program to date to complete a Professional Practice Analysis (PPA)
- AVCA/ACCC uses psychometric services in the development and continuing evaluation of certification examination
- AVCA/ACCC regularly conducts item writing workshops since completion of the PPA
- AVCA/ACCC Certification establishes and promotes professional accountability and visibility
- AVCA/ACCC Certification identifies those professionals who have met specific standards of knowledge and experience
- AVCA/ACCC Certificants are licensed doctors of chiropractic and licensed doctors of veterinary medicine
- AVCA/ACCC Policy that certificants practice within the laws and regulations of their individual states/provinces
- Professional Practice Analysis (PPA) defines the profession
- Certification encourages continued professional growth and development
- Over 1,000 animal chiropractic professionals have been certified since 1989

Steps to AVCA Certification in Animal Chiropractic

1. Attend an American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) approved post-graduate animal chiropractic program.
2. Apply to sit ACCC written and clinical (practical) examinations after successfully passing the AVCA approved program's exit exam.
3. Sit the ACCC written and clinical (practical) examinations.
4. Pass both the written and clinical (practical) examinations.
5. Applicant must hold a current/active (good standing) state/provincial license of chiropractic or of veterinary medicine.
6. Applicants receive 3 year certification by the ACCC/AVCA based on fulfillment of all requirements.